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What of the Future?

Mr. Duncan Hall, emissary to Australia of the League of Nations, certainly left a crop of fertile ideas behind him last Thursday night at the Physics Theatre.

A Rhodes scholar, Mr. Hall is yet another Australian to become internationally known. And he told us in no uncertain language that our geographical immunity won't last long; we need to be alive to the terrific changes being wrought by the Air Age. For instance, the England-Australia air service is going to open the eyes of the world to the value of the vast unused spaces over which the planes fly. More than that, we now have a vital interest in the Dutch East Indies, British Malaya, Singapore and the ancient land route to Europe cry for attention. We need a new foreign policy as regards these lands.

Further, radio is dissolving institutions and boundaries before our eyes. No one in 1920 believed that the transmission of a voice could rouse a nation to fury in a week; now we know better, but, with mob leaders who know how to use the new medium, the prospect is not attractive. None of these developments were foreseen, even recently. There is no Air Locarno.

Another unrecognised miracle was the application of sanctions in less than 6 weeks. The very existence of a world front on Sanctions is unprecedented in history, but that over 50 cabinets, hundreds of government departments, hordes of experts for the details, and parliaments galore to ratify the whole could accomplish what they did in the time is a sheer miracle.

As to the League, he said what may, were it not for the machinery provided by the covenant for the ventilation of views and grievances, and frank interchange of opinion, we should never have got through the crisis of the past few months. All the factors which produced 1914 are here to-day in full strength. As to armaments, they do not necessarily mean the breakdown of collective action; on the contrary, provided they are used in a collective spirit, they may be its salvation. The League is convinced after four years of effort, that for the present, arms will stay. They may even be used in an international police force.

On the whole, there is a swelling tide of international feeling; the world has now reached a stage like that of the sovereign-cum-tribal state of long ago. It cannot stop there. Agreement has, and inevitably will replace war as an arbiter. But there must be mass opinion for collectivism versus barbarism, and not till then can an equitable division of the earth be made.

Professor Portus on the Warpath.

In thanking Mr. Hall, Prof. Portus, in characteristic style, proceeded to reduce several cherished economic arguments to absolute wreckage. Quoting actual figures and facts, he

scarified the idea that a nation must "own" colonies or explode. U.S.A. "owned" the Philippines for 20 years, and has now dropped them like hot cakes. Canada is a better market; "owned" by England. Raw materials? Anyone will be welcomed with open arms who will buy our surplus wheat and coal. It was sheer rot to say you must own colonies to get a ready market.

He ridiculed the notion that Economics is the sole cause of war; national Psychoses was the trouble. Jingoism, Deutschland Uber Alles, Britons never will be slaves. Bah! Hitler, Mussolini and the rest braying about National Honour—sheer rubbish. National honour is nothing more than the belief in the superiority of your own forces. And, obviously, everyone can't have an overwhelming force. It made him sick to hear the twaddle talked about Expanding Populations. Where were the Italians in Eritrea? Why had the Japanese not flooded vast Manchuria? Talk about the Japanese menace to Australia was insane.

But, whether we liked it or not, Economic forces would in the long run force us into Collective action. Finance is becoming irresistibly international. Individual action, inter-continental struggles mean rapid strangulation and world bankruptcy. Free trade could not for ever be stayed; but first must come a slow permeation of Collective feeling. The world's skull was uncommonly hard, but there was yet hope.

Altogether a memorable evening.

Coming Events

Thursday, 2nd. — A.G.M. Women's Hockey Club, in the Lady Symon Hall, at 1.20.

Rover Troop in the Union Building, at 7.45.

Monsieur Marnac, of the University of Marseilles-Aix, will address the French Club and any others interested, on his travels round the world in a sailing ship. The lecture, which will be given in French, will be held in the Lady Symon Hall, at 8. Admission 1/. A.G.M. Soccer Club in the Men's Reading Room, at 7.45.

Friday, 3rd.—S.C.M. are holding a discussion on State Lotteries, at 1.20 in the Lady Symon Hall. Professor Kerr Grant will be in the chair.

Saturday, 4th.—First Practice Men's Hockey on Oval.

Monday, 6th.—Meeting of Adelaide University Christian Fellowship in Lady Symon Hall, at 1.20.

Annual Swimming Carnival at Unley Crystal Pool at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 7th.—First Baseball Practice at 5 p.m. on Oval.

More About a Student President

Inquiries as to the general feeling towards the substitution of a student President of the Union in place of a member of the Staff, have brought to light rather a curious state of affairs. Whereas one would expect to find quite a number of wildly enthusiastic champions of a very reasonable cause, the only real champion we could find was a member (or rather ex-member) of the Staff—Professor Wilkinson.

To put an end to all arguments concerning the practicability of the scheme, we consulted the law in the person of Mr. M. F. Bonnin, President of the Men's Union and Secretary of the Law Society for 1935. Mr. Bonnin, with a true lawyer's caution and sense of diplomacy, refused to commit himself except to say that the idea was sound in principle.

When tackled with the question "Do you approve of the idea of having a student President?" that Modern Atlas, upon whose shoulders will soon rest the responsibility of upholding our Varsity tradition at Oxford—to wit, R. W. T. Cowan—smiled his charming smile and said, "Oh, I think it's a good thing." But we left him with a feeling of vague dissatisfaction.

Further inquiries among our lesser stars raised no more enthusiasm. Everyone agreed upon one point, namely that the introduction of a student President would be a very welcome improvement, but no one seemed to have any very violent, or even definite feelings about the question. In fact we were forced to conclude that they were frankly bored with our earnest questions and had very little interest in the matter at all. Which was all very peculiar, seeing that some of them were law students and the proposal would undoubtedly need an alteration of the Constitution.

This casual attitude of "leave it to the other fellow" is one that is very obvious in most other branches of our Varsity activities. For instance, it was remarked at the numerous Annual General Meetings (twenty was the figure quoted in the "Advertiser") that have been held since term began, that the audiences consisted mainly of freshers, the retiring Committees, those who hoped to be elected to responsible positions, and budding lawyers whose eloquence very occasionally causes a welcome diversion. As far as our Societies and Clubs are concerned, the average undergrad. is as elusive as a rabbit. He is there all the time and yet when you try to make him interested in anything he vanishes. His only two public appearances last year were to hear Whiskers Blake's address (or as is more commonly believed, to see the famous whiskers), and again at a dinner hour meeting of the Politics Club, when the thought of hearing a real, live Communist air his views proved too much for his casual disinterest. But alas! Owing to the fact that the speaker was not as red as he had been painted, our hero, with true communistic feeling, "walked out on him."

We have been told that our University is too social and that we put all our energy into dancing. Some even assert that we are dancing our way to damnation. But an examination of the Dance Club's membership list shows a decrease for 1935 to about 90. There were so few at the monthly dances that it was scarcely worth while keeping the Refectory open, while the poor attendance at the Dance Club Ball was nothing short of a calamity. Even the wide-famed Cabaret failed to produce a favourable budget.

Is sport, then, that is taking up all our spare time and energy? There are certainly a few stalwarts who take sport seriously and train hard for weeks before the big events, but most students admit that they play sport merely for the sake of exercise and the enjoyment they get out of it. Certainly Adelaide's results in last year's Inter-Varsity contests were far from inspiring and better left undisturbed, and do not justify any opinion that we are putting to much enthusiastic effort into sport.

We have thought very deeply for a solution to this aforesaid "curious state of affairs." The only favourable one we can supply is that everyone is so wrapped up with his or her work that there is little time or inclination left for other activities. Perhaps if you think hard you too will be able to supply a solution.

Ballot Results

The ballot for places on the Union Committee resulted as follows:—

Bonnin, M. F. (Retiring Member)	
Law	151
Elix, R. H. (Retiring Member)	
Med.	145
Cowell, D. C. (Junior Member)	
Arts	130
Skipper, J. W. (Retiring Member)	
ber, Med.	126
Stevenson, A. J., Eng.	119
Skipper, J. W. (Retiring Member)	
Law	108
Fenner, F. J. (Junior Member)	
Science	95
Bridgland, G. S., Arts	91

Less than 200 members of the Union voted.

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Miss H. Wighton.

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DEBATING IN THE UNIVERSITY

At the Annual General Meeting of the Union, Mr. Bonnin referred to the low standard of debating in the Adelaide University. As debating is one of the main activities carried on in the Union, some steps ought to be taken to remedy this. One of the reasons for last year's showing seemed undoubtedly to be lack of practice in speaking. Very few of the debaters chosen in recent years have gained their experience in Men's Union Debates. Most of them learnt their debating at school, and in spite of vigorous efforts by the Men's Union Committee, very few speakers are trained at the University.

Union debates are at present conducted under inter-varsity rules, and one very bad result of this is frequently only two teams are present. Speaking from the house, which is by far the most valuable training in speaking, is almost a lost art. The system certainly does not attract new speakers, and it would be well worth trying debates under Parliamentary rules. This is done in Sydney and to some extent in Melbourne and produces lively and vigorous speakers.

As this is done in the Oxford and Cambridge Unions after the proposer of the motion has spoken the debate is thrown open to the house. The chairman endeavours to pick speakers for and against the motion alternately, and the debate closes at a fixed time. This gets rid of the necessity for filling out time which is the bugbear of a new speaker, and also eliminates the cross-bench speeches which are so popular here.

Of course, the Cambridge undergraduates who caught the chairman's eye five minutes before closing time, and read in next morning's paper the simple comment "Mr. X. should speak later

in future," will probably have his equivalent here, but the system gives a new debater a painless method of improving his speaking. As it is, freshmen start their speaking in formal debates, and the chances for the introduction of new blood are very small.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ANOTHER KING AND COUNTRY RESOLUTION?

Sir,—The time is ripe for an explosive outburst of resentment from every student in Australia. We are, whether we like it or not, being duped into another war scare. For the past few months have been laden with hidden menace. Little by little the public of this country have been quietly prepared to accept the announcement of another armaments drive. So well, indeed, has the ground been prepared, that when Mr. Lyons was here recently, he was able to announce without a blush that 7 million pounds was urgently required, that over a million was to go in aircraft, that a chain of forts was to be built from Brisbane to Fremantle and so on. And the country accepted the dose with incredible resignation. What a fool's paradise!

Now, sir, what is behind this suspicious outburst of "patriotism"? Is it because of the European situation? Must the Commonwealth somehow get rid of an inconvenient surplus? Are the people of this country clamouring for a vast defence vote? No, sir, there is a simpler explanation than that. The clue is in last Thursday's Advertiser, where there are two main columns in significant juxtaposition. In the one the full extent of the suggested defence plans is hinted at; in the other is a resolution of the Associated Chambers of Commerce approving the Government's attitude, urging the adoption of compulsory military training, and finally, the Colleges are exhorted to impress their boys for future fodder. Ye gods! And now, Sir, the full import of this iniquitous plan becomes clear. Without a doubt, Big Business is the power behind the throne. £6,000,000 is to be spent in Australia to start with. The greater part of this will find its way into the coffers of the great contractors. Inevitably.

Sir, the thing's damnable. Conscriptio is in the air, yet the country is blind to it. And conscription is but a step from conflict. Not one of these patriotic financiers will be called up, you can bank on that.

Now, sir, there's only one element missing from this patriotic scheme. Lyons, fresh from his £17,000 jaunt to England, has been satisfactorily plastic. Opposition by Radio to the defence plan has been stifled. The press, of course, has not needed to be muzzled. In short, everything is lovely in the garden but for one thing; and here's where the appeal to the colleges becomes significant. The fact is, that until the forces can be filled, the defence plan, and the necessary profits, cannot materialise. All that's wanted now is men, men, men. The thugs are there, but not the mugs.

Have we the guts to raise a protest? The matter is urgent; delay will be fatal; a downright protest is wanted NOW. Sir, I charge the new union

committee to set this matter before the whole University. Remember Oxford's famous resolution, and the effect it had. Alternatively, let a ballot be taken. Or, must the matter be left to the Societies? The I.R.C. ought to be vitally concerned in the suicidal policy of Australia. What of the Politics Club? Has it no opinion worthy of expression? Will you, as the Union organ, take an active part in making a public protest?

If nothing is done in the present month, it will be too late; and we shall have helped the world to drift from Collective security to armed anarchy, and its train of barbarism. Yours.—L. M. BILLS.

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THE BALANCE SHEET.

The Editor, "On Dit."

Dear Sir.—In the last issue of "On Dit" I noticed that you very thoughtfully published a statement setting out the manner in which my 25/ which is compulsorily taken from me every year is spent. I refer to the Students Union Fee. I am indeed grateful to you for publishing the statement, but I do not at all agree with the way in which the money is spent. Of course it is futile for me to protest against the outrageous way in which the money is extracted from me. The matter has been brought forward on too many occasions, only to be severely squashed.

But if I do have to pay 25/, why, sir, should I have to pay 1/0½ towards the Women's Union, when only 6½d. is put aside for the Men's Union? Why even the ½d. is far too much for the Women's Union. If the money were spent in eradicating "butterflies" I would gladly give it and more too, if necessary. Then there is 1/ for the University Magazine. This is monstrous. Rather should I be credited with 1/ for removing a copy of such an abortion as the last issue from the precincts of the University office. Again, there is 9½d. for loss on Refectory trading a/c. I have used the Refectory on only one occasion myself and I fail to see why I should pay 9½d. every year just to enable somebody else to obtain his lunch for only 2d. more than he would pay for it anywhere else.

No doubt the item "miscellaneous 1/6½" contains some hidden monstrosities, but time will not permit me to discuss either this or several other items which make my hair stand on end. Suffice to say that the position is serious, and I ask you, sir, can't something be done about it. Yours faithfully.—"HAYES."

BLUES COMMITTEE.

The Editor, Sir,

It seems that Athletics is unjustly regarded by some as a minor sport at the University. I wish to protest at the alteration to the constitution of the Blues Committee, which gives a list of eight sports to be represented by a member, without including Athletics. There are eleven men's sporting clubs amalgamated with the Sports Association (without including Soccer), and the Men's Blues Committee now consists of nine members.

It is only fair that if eight clubs must be represented, the remainder should also, and differentiation in this respect is unjust, as upon what basis is a sport to be declared major or minor?

It is ridiculous to suggest that in Athletics and Shooting Blues can be easily awarded upon definite standard results, as weather conditions, of

course, greatly affect both sports, to what extent, however, only experience can form an opinion.

It is both surprising and unfortunate that those few who attended the Sports Association A.G.M. actually passed the alteration to the constitution to make the Blues Committee what it now is. Yours, etc.—D. C. COWELL.

CHAIRMAN REPLIES.

The Editor, On Dit,

Dear Sir,—In your last issue I noticed that the well-known critic, Mr. Percival Barnacle, had once more come out of his shell. I was startled, however, to find myself the subject of his succulent criticism. I feel that Mr. Barnacle has attached himself to a view which affords at best a technical and unmeritorious ground for the conclusions he would seek to extract. Criticism of my conduct of the Commencement Social was based upon the assumption that the Annual General Meeting of the Union which immediately preceded it had not been closed. To have said that it had not been formally re-closed would have been an accurate statement. May I further point out that this meeting was re-opened for the sole and express purpose of admitting a motion, the nature of which had been indicated to the President. The meeting had not formally been declared re-closed when Professor Wilkinson departed. This was a technical admission which I admit I quite overlooked, but which has hardly sufficient merit to justify the biting criticism of Mr. Barnacle. For all practical purposes—and certainly according to the spirit if not the letter of the proceedings—I was (as I regarded myself) chairman of the Commencement Social only and not of the formal meeting which preceded it. Accordingly I ruled that the formal proceedings of the Annual Annual General Meeting had been closed and that I was therefore not prepared to hear matters that concerned that meeting and not the Commencement Social.

But when a motion was proposed from the House that the gentleman who had attempted to introduce such virtually irrelevant matter was a pest, there was this justification for its reception, that it was a motion dealing bona fide with the meeting, as a Commencement Social—which it was according to my previous ruling.

It was here that Mr. Barnacle himself made one of those technical errors upon which he was apparently so ready to seize when they occurred in others. For the motion was not in fact "placed before the House" by me at all. It may be remembered by those who were present that no sooner had the motion been seconded than a spontaneous burst of applause from the House, rendered any such action by the chair superfluous.

However, I place no faith, no reliance and no value upon the technical fact that the spontaneous action of the House rendered my placing before it of the motion unnecessary. For it is just such a technical point, without any real merit, as that upon which Mr. Barnacle balanced the whole of his precarious remarks.

For one thing, however, I wish to thank Mr. Barnacle—it is his allusion to the "sincere efforts of the few Law students who were actively interested in the proceedings." For I, too, Mr. Editor, fall, not merely technically but truly (together with Mr. Barnacle and the other suckers) within the scope of those bright and cheering words.

ours, without prejudice,

M. F. BONNIN.

Societies

ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting of the Engineering Society, due to start at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, started punctually at 7.45, when the chairman for 1935, Mr. W. G. Chapman, asked the secretary (J. H. T. Fisher) to read the minutes for last Annual General Meeting. These were read and confirmed. The secretary mentioned in his annual report that 1935 had been a most successful year for the A.U.E.S., the membership being 61, which was very good after the previous year's record membership of 69. Amongst the various functions held was the entertainment of Japanese officers from the visiting warships. The Committee was indebted to the families of the various members for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining the men to dinner, and also to the management of the Unley Star Theatre and of Penfold's Distillery. The Society had been exceptionally well represented in the University sports and activities. The Faculty dinner held at the "Victoria" was a roaring success, and will ever be fresh in the minds of those stalwart engineers who propelled wheelbarrows in the memorable race, and covered themselves with glory by defeating the Law students. An energetic Committee worked hard to arrange the excellent dance held in the refectory. Particular thanks was devoted to Messrs J. G. Brookman, for his performance as Professor Gerr-Krant, and C. A. P. Boundy, for auctioneering the cars, after the intensely exciting motor race.

A number of visits were attended by an average of 31 men to Mount Bold, the Goldsbrough, Mort building (twice) in the course of erection; Western Oxygen; Holden's, and to two distilleries. The Society extended its sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. A. T. Garrett, who was killed in the tragic crash of the City of Khartoum, and to Mr. John McNeill, caretaker of the Engineering building, whose wife died in November last year.

The treasurer, Mr. A. J. Stevenson, mentioned in his report that six shillings was very hard to extract from an average engineer. There was a loss of £1 10/8 on the dinner, and of 11/ on the dance, but this was felt to be amply justified as the functions had both been meritoriously successful. A profit of some five pounds accrued from the year's transactions.

Officers elected for 1936 were:—President, A. J. Stevenson; Vice-President, A. T. Harbison; Secretary, S. W. Smith; Treasurer, J. G. Brook-

man; Committee, B. W. Shearer, I. L. Nicholson, D. L. Elix. The Freshers' representative will be elected at the first Committee Meeting.

The meeting was briefly addressed by Professor Chapman and Messrs E. V. Clark and R. C. Robin.

An excellent supper was enjoyed, after which the Freshers put their coats on back to front, rolled their trousers up, and proceeded to Rundle Street, where they solemnly swore an oath of allegiance to the A.U.E.S. under a crayfish, and lustily sang the Engineers' Anthem.

WOMEN'S UNION COMMITTEE MEETING:

At a meeting of the University Women's Union Committee held on Tuesday, March 24th, Miss Joyce Watson was elected as Arts representative in place of Miss Pat Burnard, who unexpectedly will not be down at the Varsity this year.

No doubt Miss Joyce Brooke's oversensitive conscience prompted her to resignation from the Union Committee. Miss Brooke regretted that owing to an unforeseen alteration of her plans she would be unable to attend the regular Union meetings and consequently did not feel that she would remain on the Committee.

FRENCH CLUB.

The French Club will hold its second meeting for the year on April 2, at 8 p.m. at the Lady Symon Hall. Monsieur Marnac, of the University of Marseilles-Aix, will deliver a lecture on his travels round the world on a sailing vessel. The lecture will be in French, and is open to the general public.

S.C.M. OPENING MEETING FOR 1936.

The Vice Chancellor, Sir William Mitchell, opened the S.C.M. activities for 1936 by delivering an address on the "Relation of Reason and Life." The meeting was held in the Lady Symon Hall at 1.20 p.m. on March 27th.

The speaker referred to the quarrel that has hitherto existed between the faculty of Reason and the world of Life, and stated that our aim should be, before leaving the University, to see that there is no such quarrel, but that the higher values are essentially based on Reason.

Some say that the "values" we set are not the real, ultimate ones, but only those suited to our own particular world, as distinguished from the worlds of other creatures. But these varieties are actually part of the real, eternal world. All are "unknown" when completed, form the real world, and this world in which we live is the "real" one, not a product of our particular constitutions.

The modern view is that "reason is an organ of life," and grows, not by itself, but through devotion to the object. The discoveries of such men as Jeans and Eddington had broken the fetters of space and time, and show Reason as not fixed, but growing and spreading through all time and space. Mind is scattered abroad without any of these barriers to restrict it.

The great, most important "world" is the great external, mental world which Mind alone comprehends. For this, and for us, the small animal worlds have been developing. From our few sense organs—"The Mind of Man"—we have been able to reach the roots of the whole of Nature. This world of Nature, the varied branches

of which are studied at the University, is a part, with all the other worlds, of the one great eternal World which far transcends the physical, and all the past is only an imitation and advance of the tremendous values which are to come.

SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

The Science Association held its first meeting for the year on Monday evening, March 23, in the Renie Theatre. Miss Joyce Brooke, Vice-President, took the chair. After the reading of the minutes, it was announced that the President, Mr. Mercer, had resigned owing to a pressure of work. Mr. Allen was unanimously elected in his place. The vacancy thus created on the committee was then filled by Mr. Crocker. Miss Brooke vacated the chair in favour of Mr. Allen, who welcomed the freshers in a most inspiring speech. He deplored the absence of enthusiasm, which resulted in a lack of student papers.

Felix and Charlie Chaplin, as helpful as ever, then appeared on the screen, accompanied by a film of the Central Australian Aborigines. For the last named the Association was indebted to Mr. Mark Mitchell and Dr. Campbell.

Supper followed in the men's lounge. It was one of the finest in the history of the Association, and will doubtless encourage freshers and members to hand in their subscriptions more readily than of yore. Dancing, complete with a first-class orchestra, completed the evening's programme.

POLITICS CLUB.

Though not as stormy as the recent Union meeting, high spirits prevailed at the Annual General of the Politics Club. The presence of a bunch of bush lawyers ensured this.

The Secretary's report regretted the decision of the late President of the Union not to allow Refectory addresses, lest, forsooth, the delicate manners of the diners be offended. If the characteristically boorish behaviour of the Med. element exhibited at least one meeting was to be general, it was the speaker who needed protection.

After the other reports had been read and confirmed, one Ryan of the Tortured Waistcoat dissentiente, election of officers and maltreatment of the Constitution began.

G. L. Amos was re-elected President, despite a malicious attempt by Hall (Law) to foist the said Ryan on the Club. Mr. Wallman said that the latter's only title to the office was his obvious ability to fill the chair (ap- plause).

J. M. Bills was chosen Secretary, but at this point the Constitution was first amended to allow the addition of a Treasurer, and then suspended completely to enable voting by show of hands. It remained suspended for some time until Mr. Wallman moved that it be allowed to descend again. The Constitution descended. Meanwhile Mr. Brookman had been thrust into the office of Treasurer, and N. H. Wallman added to the Committee. Miss Wighton joined him immediately after, thus establishing for better or worse, a precedent.

The chairman being late, and the said Ryan unexhausted, the meeting was heartily adjourned until Monday next, when the unfortunate Constitution is due for yet more dissection.

In closing, Mr. Amos intimated that speakers representative of almost every conceivable point of view had been secured for the year.

Sports Association

The annual general meeting was held in the Refectory on Thursday, March 26th, and was poorly attended. On behalf of the General Committee, the President (Mr. R. R. P. Barbour) presented the annual report of the Association's activities, the adoption of which was carried after W. D. Verco proposed, and R. H. Elix seconded. After the balance-sheet had been read and adopted the following officers for 1936 were elected:—President, Dr. C. B. Sangster; Deputy President, W. D. Verco; Hon. Treasurer, G. L. Duffield; Hon. Assistant Secretary, R. D. McKay; Hon. Auditors, Messrs. L. T. Ewens and H. L. Read; Faculty Sub-Treasurers, J. J. Rice and F. Fenner (Med.), J. A. Smeaton and B. W. Shearer (Eng.), R. L. Crocker (Sc.), D. C. Cowell (Arts), O. C. Isaachsen (Com.), T. B. Lindsay (Dent.), J. W. Skipper (Law), K. Gillespie (Pharm.) and Misses E. Irwin, M. Hargrave, B. Mills; Representative of Life Members, Prof. Campbell. The amendment to the Constitution to secure the amalgamation with the Sports Association of the Soccer Club was carried, also the alteration of the constitution of the Blues Committee after some discussion. The following were elected members of the Men's Blues Committee, J. P. McFarlane, J. R. Davey, K. Edmunds, W. D. Allen, W. A. Harbison, M. F. Bonnin, J. Ray, R. Dicker, N. H. Wallman. The Women's Blues Committee: The President (ex officio), Misses B. Cleland, N. Taylor, M. Hargrave. J. R. Davey proposed that record be placed in the minute book of the Association's regret at the death of the late H. M. Thompson. A. J. Stevenson proposed a vote of thanks to the groundsmen, and also to the secretary and the retiring hon. treasurer, and P. M. Cudmore proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring President (Mr. R. R. P. Barbour). After these motions had all been carried the meeting was declared closed.

We much regret that in last week's issue we published the name of A. W. Cocks as W. Cox.

Repertory Theatre

Concession season tickets for the Repertory Theatre are available to members of the Union at half-price—10/6. Application must be made through the Union secretary. The season starts on the 14th March, 1936, and booking opens at Cawthorne's on the 7th March.

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Sports Notes

A.U.R.C.

Last Saturday the Club held a practice at 600 yards and a spoon shoot for new members. The spoon was won by E. G. Robinson with 66 off the rifle which is a very promising score. Our thanks are due to the Club's Captain, W. C. R. Brooke, who presented the spoon. He has generously offered to provide a similar trophy open only to new members for this week's shoot to be held at 200 yards on Saturday, April 4th.

In the practice Brooke had the best shoot of the day with 77 off the rifle, including a possible. There was only one other possible scored among all the other clubs. C. J. Starling scored 75 and M. B. Holmes 73. E. L. Andrews, who is a new member, but kindly stood down from the spoon shoot as he had had previous experience at Barnera, scored 71.

Proceedings were somewhat enlivened by an uncoached sweepstakes between Welbourn and Pilgrim. Both started with misses owing to a difference of opinion as to the range, the former thinking he was at 700 yards and the latter at 500. However, they soon rectified this error and after an even struggle Welbourn won by 1 point.

At the Sports Association meeting held last week it appears that certain members complained about the size of the Club's grant. Without going into the detailed merits of the Club's grant, the writer would like to point out this fact. The rifle club's activities continue right throughout the year, while all other clubs perform only in winter or summer, and for instance, a cricketer will probably play some other sport in the winter.

LACROSSE CLUB.

The Annual General Meeting of the Adelaide University Lacrosse Club was held in the Lady Symon Hall, on Monday, the 23rd inst. Mr. O. C. Isaachsen occupied the chair. Mr. G. T. Barnfield presented the secretary's report for the 1935 season, in which he referred to Adelaide's record win of 20 goals to 4 in the Inter-Varsity held in Melbourne last August, and to the record individual score of 10 goals by R. V. Harry, in that match.

Representatives were appointed to get into touch with persons in their respective faculties who wish to take up the game this year. Those appointed were:—

Law and Arts: J. Boucaut.
Med.: J. M. Bonnin.
Eng. and Science: W. A. Harbison.
Commerce: S. George.
Economics: M. Tylour.
Dentistry: R. F. Porter.
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get into touch with one of the above without delay, and all freshers are advised to make up their minds now to play this better winter sport. Those who are postponing a final decision on account of the price of a "stick" or "racquet" (crosse is the correct name for it) would do well to consult the Hon. Assistant Sec., F. P. Kelly, at the Crown Law Office, Flinders street, or the Hon. Sec., V. L. Ryan, c/o Symon, McLachlan, Murray & Cudmore, Brookman Buildings, Grenfell street, either of whom will probably be able to provide a second-hand crosse at a considerably reduced price.

HOCKEY.

The Annual General Meeting of the Men's Hockey Club took place on Tuesday, March 24th, at lunch time. The following officers were elected:—
President—Mr. W. J. O'Connor.
Secretary—M. C. Newland.
Practice Captain—F. J. Fenner.
Member of Committee—A. W. Cocks.
Practice will commence on Saturday, April 4th, and Freshers are encouraged to attend.

Sticks will be provided for beginners, and all players are certain of a game in one of the four teams. The Inter-Varsity is in Melbourne this year, and there are several vacancies in the team.

ATHLETIC CLUB.

Great enthusiasm is being shown by many members of the club, and large numbers of energetic young men can be seen on the Varsity Oval most afternoons during the week loosening up in preparation for more severe training later on.

The Varsity sports will be held on Friday, May 15, and the Inter-Varsity in Hobart on Wednesday, May 27.

If you intend to run this season, now is the time to start.

Judging by the numerous training already, the committee anticipate a successful season, and expect all who possibly can to help make it a success.

Snap out of your lethargy, and bring those running shoes out of moth-balls! You have only six and a half weeks left for training.

WOMEN'S PENNANT TENNIS.

Pennant matches for the 1935-6 season are now over, but that does not mean that the members of the club have come to an end of their activities. The committee is in the throes of organising practices for Intervarsity aspirants and it is to be hoped that their energetic enthusiasm will reap its own reward. Women students! If you play tennis come forward and show us what you can do. Who knows but what there may be a budding star amongst you! Practices will be held at the Varsity oval from two till five on Wednesdays, starting from April 1, and on Saturdays from 11 till 3.

As concerns the results of the Pennant matches—the A's were unfortunately "pipped at the post" and failed to reach the semi-finals, as was expected. The B's, unbeknown to themselves, turned out to be minor premiers. This fact was not realised until Mr. Andrews of the Drive, sensing that something was wrong, made it his business to make inquiries on the morning of the match. He found that the team were blissfully unaware that they should be playing a challenge match that very afternoon. Since the team is composed of four busy young ladies, it was too late to collect them all for the fray and the winners were forced to go unchallenged. It is to be regretted that the C team failed to recover from the defeats suffered earlier in the season.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Before you read any further it would be an excellent idea if you took out your notebook and entered against the space labelled April 6: "Annual Swimming Carnival at Unley Crystal Pool at 8." Next (that is if you happen to be anywhere near the Varsity) pop into the Refectory, have a look at the notice board and make a note of the events that you feel will suit your own peculiar (meaning particular) style of swimming. Then before you forget, rush up to the Union office and tell Miss Barbara Winterbottom for what races you want to enter. If you can't see her for the moment, some other member of the committee is sure to be at hand.

The hurry is because entries close to-morrow (Friday, 3rd) and if you do not go in for the carnival you'll be missing one of the most hilarious evenings of the year.

One of the outstanding attractions is to be a pillow fight between St. Mark's and St. Andrew's. Nor is it to be just a plain, out and out pillow fight, but the contestants have to perform, suspended over the water on a slippery pole. Then there are freak events such as the cigarette race in which the competitors have to swim with a lighted cigarette in their mouths. Moreover the cigarettes are to be supplied free so it does not really matter if you can hardly swim as long as you can keep up and move forward instead of backward.

For freshers, it is as well that you should know that the standard of swimming at the Varsity—especially among the women—is not particularly high. So don't think you are being modest and hang back. You'll be appreciated far more if you bring along your togs and enter into the fun.

NEWS ITEMS.

Extract from an article on the danger of the examination system, printed in the British Medical Association Journal:

"It is not slight, but exists in a dangerous degree, and there can be no confidence in tests of this kind. The career of individual candidates may be marred by an accident. Their fate may be determined, not by merit, but by the particular examiner who happens to assess it."

An appeal from the Centenary Women's Pioneer Fund Committee for the contribution of one shilling from each member of the Women's Union has met with more success than was at first imagined, and so far £2 13/ has been collected. We understand that the purpose of the fund is to erect a fitting Memorial to South Australia's Pioneer Women so that no doubt the thought of having their names recorded as heroines in a heroic cause prompted this generosity.

COLLEGES' NOTES.

St. Andrew's.—An extraordinary general meeting of College Club was held on Saturday, 28th March, to consider St. Mark's invitation to enter a boat in their annual bumping races on the Torrens next week. Members voted unanimously in favour of accepting this invitation, and accordingly a crew was chosen to participate, and will commence training forthwith.

The annual tennis match against St. Mark's will be played on Sunday next at St. Mark's, and on Monday, the 6th April, in the evening, a pillow fight will be staged at the Unley Crystal Pool between representatives of the two colleges.

During the evening of Saturday, 28th, the annual Freshers' social was held at the Common Room, at which all the new students, clad in scanty attire, were admitted to membership after due rites and ceremonies. Many events were held, including a series of peanut races, the first of which provided a thrilling contest, the result being in doubt till the last moment when K— won by a long nose.

Monty is enjoying the best of health, although he is consuming enormous quantities of spirits, and he is at present much in demand.

St. Mark's.—Arrangements for the bumping races for the Sir Sir Henry Simpson Newland Cup are almost finalized. They will take place from April 6th to 9th at approximately 5.15 p.m. each afternoon, and six crews will definitely be seen in action, St. Andrew's and St. Barnabas both entering a crew. Each year's representatives are endeavouring to select a powerful four, and there is also some rumour of a mystery composite crew which may surprise the speculators. It is hoped that many at the University will take the opportunity of seeing these historic races.

Much amusement was created in College during the week when John McFarlane arrived home to lunch with an interesting guest he had met in the city in the shape of a dog of doubtful ancestry.

The Intercollegiate tennis match will be played next Sunday at the college courts, and the team will be announced by the time this is in print.

Extract from "The Union Recorder" (Sydney University), dated March 19, 1936: "The Sydney Settlement, though the sole one in Australia Query: Is this conceit or mere ignorance?"

Already this year notices have been received from the Universities of Heidelberg (1386-1936), Grenoble and Munchen, and the Royal University of Perugia, Italy, outlining their Summer Courses for student visitors. The College Feminin de Bouffemont, Seine-et-Oise have sent a notice to the women students, at the bottom of which is printed: "N.B.—Small boys from the age of 5 to 10 are received during the holiday period."

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